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DIA DEFENSE INTELLIGENCE NOTICE (DIN) (U) DIADIN 134-38 (AS OF: 1521 EDT-13 MAY 76)

USSR: SOVIET MILITARY DELIVERIES TO CUBA.

1. (TS UMBRA/NOFDRNZWNINTEL) THE QUANTITITES AND TYPES OF EQUIPMENTS SUPPLIED TO CUBA IN 1975 SUGGEST THAT THE SOVIETS ARE COMMITTED ONLY TO A MINIMUM REPLACEMENT PROGRAM, DESPITE REPEATED REQUESTS FOR MORE ADVANCED MATERIEL. NO NEW WEAPONS SYSTEMS ARE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN INTRODUCED. EIGHT SOVIET SHIPS TRANSPORTED 14,000 TONS OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT, SMOEWHAT MORE THAN THE 10,000 TO 12,500 TONS THAT HAVE BEEN DELIVERED ANNUALLY SINCE 1968. THE INCREASE PROBABLY REFLECTS MOSCOW'S EFFORTS TO REPLACE EQUIPMENT THAT HAVANA HAD USED IN ANGOLA.

2. (TS UMBRA/NOFORN/WNINTEL) THESE DELIVERIES

INCLUDED A WIDE VARIETY OF MATERIEL, INCLUDING

16 MIG-21/FISHBED LS, A MORE MODERN VERSION OF
THAT MODEL ALREADY IN THE CUBAN INVENTORY, AND
BY COMPONENTS OF THE SA-3/GOA MISSILE SYSTEM.

EVIDENTLY, FIDEL CASTRO'S RECENT REQUESTS FOR
THE MORE SOPHISTICATED MIG-23/FLOGGER AND AN
IMPROVED AIR DEFENSE SYSTEM WERE REJECTED. OTHER
IDENTIFIED DELIVERIES IN 1975 INCLUDED OXIDIZER
TANKS, COMMUNICATION VANS ASSOCIATED WITH THE SA-2/
GUIDELINE MISSILE SYSTEM, AND A SMALL NUMBER OF
NAVAL CRAFT.

3. (S/NOFORN/WHINTEL) SHIPMENTS IN 1976 ARE EXPECTED TO AT LEAST EQUAL THOSE OF 1975, ALLOWING THE CASTRO GOVERNMENT TO MAINTAIN INVENTORIES AT THE SAME LEVEL THAT HAS PREVAILED FOR THE PAST SEVEN YEARS. SHOULD CUBA, HOWEVER, BECOME MORE COMMITTED TO SUPPORT OF THE RHODESIAN LIBERATION EFFORT, A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE COULD OCCUR.

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